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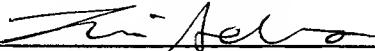
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the final Office Action dated December 10, 2007.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. No amendments are made.